

A Relief of Barbarism.

A few days ago the Suwannee Democrat published an editorial commending the position taken by the Times-Union a few days previously on the inapplicability of the fundamental rules of our system of criminal law to prevent conditions. It indorses the idea that the whole system is out of date, but thinks that, even with our present system, decided improvements could be made. Speaking of the Times-Union, it says:

"When the same paper goes on to say that the juries are not to blame and that the fault is exclusively in the system, we beg to dissent. It is perfectly notorious that the juries are to blame, and the juries alone, in a very large number of instances in which justice miscarries and the guilty are acquitted, and any reformation of our criminal laws which does not make a radical change in our jury system will be a failure. To remedy this great evil of the mal-administration of the criminal law, the Times-Union insists on the 'complete obliteration of our present system and the adoption of one that seeks to ascertain the truth rather than to let ninety and nine guilty men escape.' No moral spasm ever swept over this country yet strong enough to work such a result as that, but it is surely practicable to so change existing statutes, and the state constitution itself, if necessary, that a higher grade of jury service may be available and new trials and reversals will not be granted on any technical or other grounds that have not operated to deprive the defendant of substantial justice."

Detail of the jury system differ in different states. To take our nearest neighbor, for instance, the law of Georgia required and probably requires that juries shall be drawn from among "upright and intelligent citizens," and the officials who draw the juries construed this law as imposing on them the duty of selecting the best men in the county for jury service. Speaking with certainty of one county and probably speaking correctly for the state, the statement can be made that not half the white men over twenty-one years of age had their names in the jury box. The jurors were the most intelligent men in the county and yet their decisions were as widely criticised as the decisions of juries in states where the intelligent men escape jury service and only the most ignorant serve.

In nine cases out of ten the men who criticise juries would have agreed with the verdict if they had served on the jury. Public opinion convicts the accused when the probability of guilt outweighs the probability of innocence. Jurors are sworn to acquit unless they are satisfied of guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. The space between the probability and the reasonable certainty of guilt is the debatable ground from which practically all criticisms of juries come.

The trouble goes back to the Magna Charter, that things that spouters proclaim today as the palladium of our liberties. It is not the palladium of our liberties unless we happen to be criminals. It furnishes the methods by which criminals are turned loose again and again today to repeat their crimes.

This discussion is of little moment except as specific instances are given of provisions that make the punishment of crime difficult. The discussion on this line would fill an issue of the paper—not simply the space that is generally allotted to one editorial. We will refer to the subject again and give now only one instance, and that not half as important as others that might be given.

No person accused can be twice placed in jeopardy. A man accused of murder, for instance, may be acquitted because there is not quite enough proof against him to convince the jury beyond a reasonable doubt that he was guilty. Then the verdict of not guilty is rendered, he can get up and say: "Yes, I killed that man and I glory in it and I will kill as many more as I please. What are you going to do about it?"

They can do nothing about it. The acquittal is the end, even where the preponderance of evidence indicated guilt and the verdict of the jury meant only that there was a reasonable doubt of guilt.

Of course a man should not be tried and acquitted and tried and tried again; but there should be a verdict, as there is in Scotland, between the one that fixes guilt as unreasonably certain and that which establishes innocence as reasonably certain. The verdict "not proved" is given in Scotland where the jury is not certain whether the accused is guilty or innocent and the man whose guilt has resulted in such a verdict may be tried again if additional evidence is found. As a result of this, a guilty man escapes because his guilt

could not be proved generally takes advantage of his first earliest moments of liberty to put as great a distance as possible between himself and Scotland.

Our system was all right when it was devised—so were oars when they were first used to pull boats, and with them the Phoenicians pulled their boats thousands of miles through the Mediterranean and out into the ocean. Why not abandon steam and praise oars as the Ultima Thule of propulsion as we revere the Magna Charter as the "Palladium of our liberties?"—Jacksonville Times-Union.

Death of Mrs. Horace E. Baisden.

Mrs. Hattie May Baisden, well known in this city as Mrs. Horace E. Baisden, fell on sleep last Saturday, February 27th, and was buried Sunday at 2 p. m. She was a native of Newnan, Ga., a Miss Hilton and was married to Mr. Baisden January 6, 1886. She had been confined to her bed only about two weeks, but had been in bad health for some months. Mr. Baisden died two years ago to the day, preceding her death.

She was patient in her illness and uncomplaining till the angel of death sealed her lips. She leaves two children, Vigene the older, a bright, industrious young lady and Stacy, the son, is almost grown. The children have been educated to care for themselves and are thus prepared to meet life's problems.

The funeral services were conducted by the pastor of the Methodist church, Rev. R. V. Atkisson, of which church she had long been a member. A large concourse of people assembled at the residence at 2 o'clock and after the funeral services, followed the remains to the Live Oak city cemetery where they were deposited by those of her husband.

Big Show Coming, Thursday, March 11, 1909.

King & Tucker's railroad shows will give to the people of Live Oak the best entertainment that has been seen in the city this year, and judging from the notices the circus has received from other parts of the State the show will be well worth attending. Naturally one expects to see less than is posted on the billboards, but there is no show on the road today has a better reputation than King & Tucker's. Two bands are carried along, besides a regular troupe of acrobatic performers and clowns, while in the menagerie are many strange animals which will afford amusement and entertainment. Several of the animals are highly trained and will be seen at both the afternoon and the evening performances. This is the first time the King & Tucker show has been in Florida, but if their records from the northern part of the State are to be relied upon, the Live Oak people can be assured of getting their money's worth.

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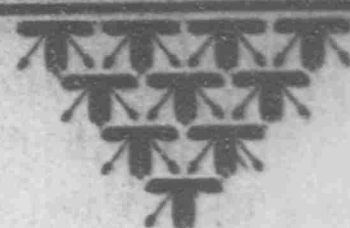
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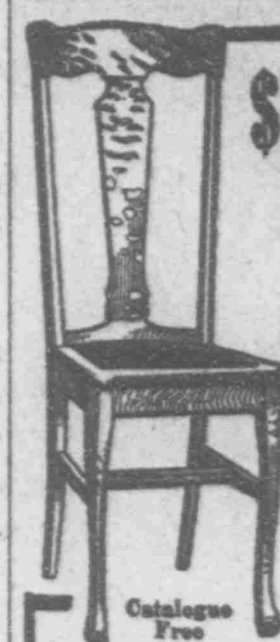
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